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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: K. TATSUNO et al (SEE ATTACHED)

For:
OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND
ITS APPLIED OPTICAL SYSTEMS

Enclosed are:

☒ 20 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-101239
filed March 31, 2000. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.

☒ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ Specification: Abstract ☒, Description 81 pages; and 17 claim(s).

☒ Preliminary Amendment.

☒ Executed Declaration.

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